School Council Minutes
GIVE Center West
Monday, September 21, 2026

Attendees

Annett Macklin - Parent

Edisa Kararic – Parent

Maria Cruz Hernandez - Parent

Wendy Santos - Parent

Kelly Walter - GIVE West Principal

Christy Jonhson - GIVE West LSTC

Consuelo Garcia - GIVE West Parent Instructional Support

Karen Casanova - GIVE West AP/Teacher

Sandi Bennett - GIVE West AP/Teacher

Sharon Tate - GIVE West Counselor

Mariela Medina - GIVE West Counselor

Leshon Dempsey - GIVE West Social Worker

WELCOME

Kelly Walter opened the meeting and welcomed parents. Staff Introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Council read the Minutes from April 27,2026. The motion was made to approve the minutes by Dr. Casanova and seconded by Sandi Bennett.

OFFICER NOMINATIONS

Chairperson: Annett Macklin

Co-Chair: Edisa Co-Chair

Secretary: Carolina Mock

GIVE MISSION STATEMENT

GIVE's mission is to create a supportive, equitable, and empathetic environment where each and every student is equipped with the skills, knowledge, and support required to realize their full potential.

GIVE WEST TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Mr. James Larkey is our winner!

GCPS BLUEPRINT FOR THE FUTURE

Empathy - Staff & Student Well Being, Achieve 2.0, R&R

Equity - MTSS, Opportunity/Access with Music & Art, Local SAT Testing

Effectiveness - Talent Management, Discipline Dashboard on website

Excellence - Community & Engagement, Updating Parent Center, Monthly Conferences, Mentorship Program

LSPI

Local School Plan Improvement – Mr. Tardy presented the plan.

SCHOOL TOPICS

Equity Solutions: Parents and community members can participate in one or both opportunities.

Option 1 Take the community survey, QR code provided on flyer

Option 2 Join virtual focus groups Information and , QR code provided on flyer

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Parent Meeting - 9/21/26 @ 1:15 PM.

Curriculum Night – MA & SC 10/26/26 @ 1:10 pm in Media Center (LA & SS will be in Spring).

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Future School Council Meetings:

November 16, 2026 @ 1:30 PM

January 25, 2026 @ 1:30 PM

April 26, 2026 @ 1:30 PM

MEETING CLOSE

Dr. Casanova motioned to adjourn. Mrs. Bennett seconded the motion.